

LOCAL NEWS.

THE MILITARY.

Arming of the District Militia.

Meetings in the First and Fourth Wards, and in Georgetown.

THE FIRST WARD MILITARY MEETING LAST NIGHT.—The First Warders Gave Patriotic—Another Military Company Organized—Eighty Names Enrolled—Officers, &c.

In pursuance of the published call, the citizens of the first ward assembled in large numbers last night at the house adjoining Winder's building, on Seventeenth street, to take steps towards the organization of a military company in the first ward, to act in conjunction with those now being organized in the other wards.

The meeting was called to order by Mr. James Kelly, who proposed the name of Capt. Fielder B. Dorset as chairman of the meeting. The vote being taken, Capt. Dorset was declared elected as the presiding officer.

Upon taking the chair, Capt. Dorset returned his most sincere thanks for the honor that had been conferred upon him. He proceeded to state the object of the meeting, though he presumed there were very few who did not well understand the causes that had brought them together. Anarchy and confusion had begun to make their appearance in our land. Our own city had been threatened with destruction by outside mobs. It was time for the citizens of the Metropolis to come forth in defence of their friends.

Thomas G. Robinson, Esq., was then elected as secretary of the meeting.

The roll was then opened, and all who desired to join the proposed movement were requested to come forward and enroll their names. Many persons eagerly accepted the invitation, and for a time the secretary's desk was completely besieged, he himself being compelled to seek refuge behind a leg of the table.

In a few moments, Mr. James Kelly arose and announced that Gen. Edward C. Carrington had just arrived, and was now in the room. Loud calls were then made for Carrington, accompanied by hearty cheers.

Gen. Carrington then came forward, and, after the cheering had partially subsided, proceeded to address the meeting.

He explained the object of the meeting in a patriotic and eloquent speech, at the conclusion of which he was greeted with tumultuous applause and cries of "Go on!" "Go on!"

Gen. C. continued by saying he had not been well for some time past, and did not feel able. But he added, that if those who enlisted in this movement should be disposed to run, they could not do it. It was merely a question as to whether the people would form military organizations of their own, or be forced into those of the Government. The militia would be organized, and then every man would be forced into the ranks *volens nolens*.

A voice. Stick it to them, General.

Gen. C. continued. With five thousand Washingtonians, he could whip fifteen thousand of the loudest-talking secessionists that ever belovied. [Vociferous applause.]

He stated that he held in his hand a series of resolutions, adopted at the meeting held in the third ward the night before, which he would read. Those who desired to subscribe to them, altering the word "third," and inserting the first ward, would then have an opportunity of doing so. Every man who signed would be supposed to endorse the resolutions, and pledge his honor to the faithful carrying out of their spirit.

[The General then read the resolutions. They are the same as reported in the *National Republican* of yesterday. They were received with much applause.]

A voice. I propose three cheers for General Carrington. It was responded to with a hearty good will.

Another voice. I propose three more for the Union. Three loud cheers were then given for the Union.

Still another voice. And I propose three more for the stars and stripes.

Three more cheers rang out from the large assembly, reverberating through the old hall.

Another voice. Now, let's have three groans for secession.

The request was complied with, and the groans were given.

[A large number then came forward and enrolled their names, in addition to those already enrolled, making over eighty names on the list.]

A motion was then made, and carried, that the meeting proceed to the election of officers of the proposed company.

General Carrington was again loudly called for, and made a few additional remarks. He said that the people of this city were determined, if necessary, to fight for their friends and their homes. If they would not fight, their wives would fight for them. Senators and Representatives in Congress had said, that before the 4th of March next, civil war would be upon us. He had understood—he hoped it was not so—[A voice. "It is so"]—that a secret organization was in existence to prevent the inauguration of Mr. Lincoln, and to plunge the assassin's dagger into his heart.

Let them organize; they could do nothing without organization. He did not wish to shed American blood upon American soil. But whether they had to fight or not, let them show that they were willing to do it if it were necessary. To arms! To arms! Be ready when the drum beats to keep step to the music of the Union!

"In peace there is nothing so becomes a man as modest stillness and humility; but when the bugle blast of war blows into our ears, then emulate the action of the tiger, stiffen up the sinews, hold hard the breath, lend the eye a terrible aspect, and go it with a perfect rush."

The chairman stated that he wished all those present would honor his fiftieth birthday, which would take place on the 4th of March, by parading in uniform on that day. Would they permit the Capitol of the United States to be taken? He hoped they would, with Jackson, answer—"No, by the eternal, never!"

James Kelly was then unanimously elected as captain of the company. The announcement was received with loud and prolonged cheering, with cries of "Speech! Speech!"

Mr. Kelly said they all knew he had never made a speech.

A voice. "Make one now, then."

He would assure them that it might be necessary to go through a series of risks. In the hour of danger he would not be found wanting. Nominations for first lieutenant being called for.

Nominations for second lieutenant being in order.

Mr. Joseph B. Moore and Dr. Jewell were placed in nomination.

The first ballot resulted as follows: Jewell, 43; Moore, 26. And Dr. Jewell was declared elected.

Three hearty cheers were here given for Jewell, accompanied by the inevitable call for a speech.

Mr. Jewell remarked, that he was really astonished at the course of the company, in choosing him one of their lieutenants. He hoped there would be no use for their services; but if there was, he would be found fighting for the Union.

The vote was then taken for third lieutenant, with the following result: W. H. Hines, 50; Joseph B. Moore, 11; F. T. Wilson, 3; James Calvert, 1.

Mr. Hines was declared to be elected.

Three more deafening cheers then rang through the hall, with the usual call for a speech.

Mr. Hines didn't understand speech making, but when the time came, he would be there.

Mr. Samuel E. Douglas then moved that the officers already elected shall be empowered to choose a key yet to be elected.

Captain Kelly would be willing to take the responsibility of recommending, but not of appointing. He moved to amend by inserting "recommend."

The motion, as amended, was agreed to.

The company then adjourned, to meet again on Friday evening next, at seven o'clock, at Stott's Hall.

THE FOURTH WARD MEETING LAST NIGHT.—The Metropolitan Rifles in the Field.—Another enthusiastic meeting of this new corps was held last night in the hall of the Metropolitan Hook and Ladder Company. Some fifty-five new members were enrolled, making one hundred and thirty-five names already upon the list. The election of officers being in order, a ballot was taken, which resulted in the election of Mr. A. R. Allen, as captain, which was made unanimous, and Mr. Allen conducted to the chair amid loud and tumultuous applause.

After the applause had subsided, Mr. Allen, in a few neat and appropriate remarks, thanked the meeting for the honor conferred upon him, in which he pledged himself to maintain the integrity of the Union and to die fighting in defence of the stars and stripes of this their common country, and in the preservation of their homes and firesides in the District of Columbia.

Ignatius Knott was then elected Quartermaster; Dr. Joseph S. Smith, Surgeon; G. Miles, Ensign; B. B. Burr, Orderly Sergeant, and W. Bowers Second Sergeant.

The meeting then adjourned, to meet again next Friday evening at Thorne's Hall.

GEORGETOWN MILITARY.—A new military company, called the Anderson Rifles, named after the gallant hero of Fort Sumter, was organized in Georgetown, on Monday evening, by the election of the following officers: Charles H. Rodier, Captain; James Goddard, First Lieutenant; David Mason, Second Lieutenant; Edwin Krouse, Third Lieutenant; W. A. Hutchins, Ensign; Richard Chick, Orderly Sergeant.

The Potomac Light Infantry, on the same evening, elected the following officers: S. McKenney, Captain; J. B. Davidson, First Lieutenant; John Cruikshank, Second Lieutenant; W. G. Ridgely, Third Lieutenant. A considerable addition was made to the list of members at this meeting.

A new cavalry company is being organized in Georgetown, and over forty names have already been enrolled.

ALEXANDRIA MILITARY.—At a regular meeting of the Old Dominion Rifles, the new company just organized in Alexandria, on Monday night, at their armory, American Hall, a thorough organization was perfected by the election of the following officers:

Captain—M. D. Corse.
First Lieutenant—Arthur Herbert.
Second Lieutenant—D. Kemper.
Third Lieutenant—W. H. Fowle, jun.
Surgeon—H. Snowden, M. D.
First Sergeant—W. Zimmerman.
Second Sergeant—G. Siggers.

Seventy-eight men have already enrolled themselves as members of the company, and the list is increasing every meeting night. A uniform has been selected, which will soon be completed. The flag of Virginia has been adopted as the ensign, and the captain has proceeded to Richmond to make arrangements for procuring the necessary arms and equipments.

PUBLIC SCHOOLS.—The Board of Trustees of the Public Schools of this city held their regular monthly meeting last evening, in the Hall of the Board of Aldermen, Dr. Welsh, the President, in the chair.

The journal of last meeting was read and approved.

On motion of Dr. Harbaugh, Mr. Daniels was permitted to hold a concert with the children of the Third District School.

The Treasurer presented several bills from the different districts, which had been approved; and they were ordered to be paid.

Dr. Ironside, of the Committee on Text Books, reported a series of resolutions in reference to supplying indigent scholars with books and stationery, upon which he made some remarks, urging the propriety of purchasing them of the lowest bidder. He did not suppose the Treasurer would advertise for such supplies without proper precaution being taken, in order that the most judicious expenditure may be made.

Dr. Willett would like to see the purchases limited to Washington dealers.

Mr. Albert would act for a corporation as for himself. He would purchase where he could do the best. He preferred to patronize Washington dealers, if he could do as well with them as elsewhere.

The resolutions were adopted.

Mr. Albert reported on the case of the communication of Mr. J. Johnson, and also one from Mrs. Skidmore, in relation to insubordination in school.

It was urged, that only in case of decided reform the pupil referred to in the communication should be reinstated in school.

Dr. Willett contended that preference should be given to the most needy.

Dr. Ironside thought that the pupil under consideration should remain suspended until evident reformation.

After a lengthy discussion, on motion, it was ordered that the child remain suspended until further action of the General Board.

On motion, the Board adjourned.

ARRESTS FOR INCENDIARISM.—On Monday night, at the fire of Mrs. Davis's stable, on the Navy Yard, three boys, named James Gates, Theodore Gates, and Thomas Sweeney, were arrested on suspicion of having set fire thereto.

They were brought out for examination before Justice Cull, yesterday afternoon. The two former proved that, at the time of the alarm of fire, they were two squares distant, and were discharged.

The evidence in the case of Sweeney was not deemed sufficient to warrant his being held for court, and he was accordingly let off from this charge.

These boys, with others, have been in the habit lately of disturbing the neighbors, and have frequently been remonstrated with. The evening before the fire, they were heard to say that "the stable would suffer," which, taken in connection with the fact that some of them were seen coming from the direction of the fire, when others were going towards it, made it appear as if they were the guilty parties, and hence the arrests.

Another charge was laid against Sweeney, as being a common vagabond.

The magistrate allowed him until this morning to leave the city, otherwise he will be sent to the workhouse.

Wesley Chapel Sunday School will give an exhibition in the Church this evening, at 7 o'clock. Admission free; everybody can go.

DIPHTHERIA is prevailing to a considerable extent in our city and the adjacent country, and is attended with great fatality. We learn that a farmer, named Swain, residing near Bladensburg, out of a family of seven children, in the short space of two weeks has lost four with this fatal complaint. The fatality of the disease appears to be greater in the rural districts than in the city, where the deaths, according to the last monthly report of the Board of Health, do not reach five per cent. In the country the per centage is much larger.

INQUIRY.—Would not two certain police officers, stationed in the fifth ward, be better engaged in the discharge of their duties, and in going the rounds of their respective beats, than in discussing politics and advocating secession in larger beer saloons?

MEETING IN THE SIXTH WARD TONIGHT.—The citizens of the sixth ward are requested to meet at Odd Fellows Hall, (Navy Yard), for the purpose of forming a volunteer company, similar to others now being formed in other wards.

PAID OFF.—The workmen employed on the Capitol extension who failed to receive their monthly pay on the first of the month, as is customary, were yesterday paid the several amounts due them.

ACCIDENT.—A young man named Lusher, a resident, we understand, of the fifth ward, whilst gunning yesterday in the neighborhood of Bladensburg, was severely injured by the explosion of his gun. His right eye was much injured, and it is feared that he will lose the sight of it entirely.

CELEBRATION OF THE EIGHTH OF JANUARY.—The anniversary of the battle of New Orleans was celebrated with considerable spirit in this city yesterday. At early dawn a salute of thirty-three guns was fired in front of the Columbian Armory, by the members of the National Guard battalion. At noon, in accordance with an order issued to Major Ramsey by the War Department, a salute of one hundred guns was fired in front of the Armory by the artillery attached to the arsenal, with four twelve-pounders. A salute was also fired at sunset.

The two companies of the National Guard battalion paraded through our principal streets in the morning, making a very fine appearance.

Both Houses of Congress adjourned over in honor of the day.

During the afternoon, the Perseverance Fire Company also paraded, with full ranks, and accompanied by Schroeder's band. They wore the white fire hat, gray shirts, black pants, and belt. They presented a very neat appearance.

ECLIPSE IN THE YEAR 1860.—There will be an annual eclipse of the sun on the 11th of January, another on the 17th of July, and a total eclipse on the 31st of December. There will also be a partial eclipse of the moon on the 17th of December. But two will be visible in this latitude.

THE STEAMER PENNSYLOA.—The United States frigate *Pennscola*, which has lately been built at Portsmouth, was towed early yesterday morning up the Eastern Branch. She laid in the stream waiting for the tide until yesterday afternoon, when she was towed to the wharf of the navy yard, where she will receive the beautiful machinery built for her.

WASHINGTON THEATRE.—During the two nights that Mr. Hackett has been performing at the Theatre here, that building has been filled almost to overflowing. When Mr. Hackett last performed in Washington, six or seven years ago, he was then acknowledged as the best living comedian in his peculiar line; but since that time, to our mind, he has greatly improved, and well deserves the rounds of applause he so frequently receives.

ACCIDENT.—Yesterday morning a colored man, in the employ of a Mr. Hills, of Prince George's county, Maryland, while riding a vicious horse in the neighborhood of the new Catholic cemetery, on the Baltimore turnpike, was thrown therefrom, breaking his arm and otherwise injuring himself.

MUD.—We are requested, by property holders and citizens residing in the neighborhood, to call the attention of the proper authorities to the impassable condition of C street east, between Second and Fourth streets, and of Third street, between Massachusetts and Maryland avenues. On the crossings, in some places, the mud is fully six inches deep, much to the inconvenience and annoyance of gaiter-clad feet, and highly polished undergarments.

FIFTH WARD.—The residents of the fifth ward, it will be perceived, by reference to our advertising columns, have issued a call for a meeting to be held at the Republican "Wigwam" on Tuesday evening next, to take into consideration the propriety of forming themselves into a military organization for the protection of life and property in this city on the 4th of March next.

THE "NIGHT-LINERS."—The gang of night hackmen, who pursue their calling on the corner of Sixth street and Pennsylvania avenue, instead of being a convenience, are becoming a nuisance to the neighborhood, and to passers by that locality late at night. Scarcely a night passes, in which the peace and quiet of the neighborhood is not disturbed by their drunken revels, or travellers insulted by their loud and profane remarks. Conspicuous among the gang figures a patriarchal-looking individual—quite celebrated in his way—whose arrest for drunkenness we noticed yesterday, and who seems to be the ruling spirit of the crowd, and the ringleader in every outrage perpetrated by his companions in arms. The police, it would seem, pay no attention to them, and the night-liners are likely to have full sway in the neighborhood for time yet to come.

CIRCUIT COURT.—Chief Justice Dunlop presiding, assisted by Justices Morrill and Merrick.—In this court, yesterday, Chief Justice Dunlop proceeded to read the opinion of the court in the case of Ludim A. Bargo, who was convicted at the June term of the Criminal Court of obtaining money under false pretences from Benjamin Chambers. The judgment of the Criminal Court was affirmed, and the sentence of Bargo to two years in the penitentiary will commence on the expiration of the present term of the Circuit Court.

The case in chancery of A. C. Spain vs. Jas. Hamilton was then taken up, Messrs. Bradley and Brent for the complainant, and Messrs. Carlisle, Badger, and Phillips, for the defence. The complainant's claim is upon an assignment executed to him by James Hamilton, bearing date February 12, 1850, claiming the sum of \$50,000. The case was argued by the various counsel, and was not concluded when the court adjourned.

CENTRAL GUARDHOUSE.—John Rollinson, drunk and disorderly, being unable to pay the fine and costs imposed, was sent to the workhouse for 90 days. Arthur Wise, (colored), out after hours without a permit, was also sent down for 90 days.

POLICE MATTERS.—Before Justice McKenna—Henry Kelly, a drunken vagrant, was arrested by Officer Donaldson, and committed to the workhouse for ninety days.

George Harris and Susan Diggs, both colored, were caught kicking up a disturbance, and arrested by Officer Nagle. Susan had a bottle of whiskey tied up in a rag, which she was trying to conceal in a basket when arrested. His Honor very considerably sent them both down for ninety days.

THE CENSUS BUREAU.—From Bohn's "Department and Congressional Directory," we gather the following list of the appointments in the Census Bureau, to which we have made the latest corrections.

Superintendent.—J. C. G. Kennedy, D. C.; salary \$3,000.

Chief Clerk.—W. B. Gulick, N. C.; salary \$2,000.

Disbursing Clerk.—A. P. Keller, D. C.; salary \$1,800.

Third Class Clerk.—C. D. Blanchard, Oregon; salary \$1,500.

Second Class Clerks.—Joseph A. Kayser, Va.; W. L. Hardin, Tenn.; C. J. Pennington, Md.; salaries \$1,400.

First Class Clerks.—D. Evans, N. Y.; J. H. Brodhead, Penn.; A. J. Falls, Md.; Clifford Evans, D. C.; M. B. Davis, Penn.; J. M. Kennedy, D. C.; M. Seaton, D. C.; J. L. McCarty, D. C.; C. H. Norton, Miss.; B. T. Goldsborough, Md.; C. Birnie, Md.; James O'Neil, D. C.; W. D. Miller, Texas; C. N. Thom, N. H.; T. P. Chiffelle, Washington Territory; R. Cochran, N. C.; S. L. Lewis, D. C.; A. Young, D. C.; J. S. Wilson, D. C.; N. S. Bestor, Md.; W. G. Parham, D. C.; J. Blackwood, jun., Ind.; P. H. Hale, New Mexico; J. B. McNier, Oregon; Theodore Poesche, Penn.; W. A. Franklin, D. C.; W. A. Newman, Vt.; A. J. Caldwell, Penn.; S. P. Ellis, Miss.; R. D. O. Smith, Conn.; E. C. Caldwell, La.; J. B. Ezell, S. C.; G. Finotti, Md.; C. A. Gillespie, Penn.; O. S. Paine, N. Y.; J. B. Martin, Miss.; James Miles, D. C.; G. P. Ihrie, Cal.; J. S. Kidwell, Mo.; L. W. Meech, Conn.; R. S. Lawrence, Va.; B. F. Hoke, N. C.; A. Edwards, Penn.; William J. Dulano, La.; W. A. Cave, Va.; H. E. Knox, Mass.; J. O. Berry, D. C.; D. A. Chambers, Ohio; C. F. Smith, Kansas; J. R. Ashby, D. C.; T. C. L. Hatcher, Va.; C. W. Geddes, D. C.; B. Marriott, Md.; H. B. Pollard, Kansas; T. Purrington, Ill.; J. Smolinski, D. C.; J. Whitehill, Penn.; J. Maguire, D. C.; G. W. Day, F. H. Hill, D. C.; E. Hall, Va.; J. H. Cunningham, D. C.; Robert Swan, Cal.; E. C. Sterling, D. C.; S. P. Moses, Oregon; J. W. Clappitt, D. C.; J. F. Dobbins, Oregon; A. B. Jordan, Va.; John West, Va.; J. C. Duval, Texas; H. H. Young, Ga.; O. W. Marsh, N. Y.; T. B. Watson, Mich.; E. Sheppard, Va.; T. C. Hancock, N. C.; A. Baker, New Mexico; W. S. Tyler, D. C.; C. B. Mackie, D. C.; J. F. Moore, D. C.; S. L. Loomis, N. Y.; S. H. Lamborn, Ohio; T. Jones, D. C.; J. B. Brawley, Penn. Salaries, \$1,200.

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